

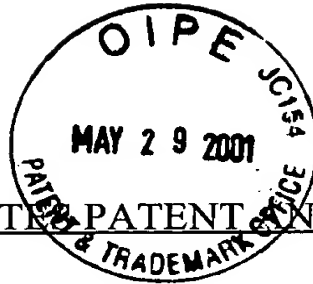
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: : GROUP ART UNIT: 1645

FUMINORI TAKEMURA ET AL :

SERIAL NO.: 09/306,780 :

EXAMINER: HINES

FILED: MAY 7, 1999 :

FOR: NUCLEIC ACID-BOUND POLYPEPTIDE :
METHOD OF PRODUCING NUCLEIC
ACID-BOUND POLYPEPTIDE AND
IMMUNOASSAY USING THE POLYPEPTIDE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Notice of Appeal filed December 26, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 17-32 remain active in the application.

The Examiner requested that this application be amended to claim priority to the parent application. However, such an Amendment has already been made. It was in item 16 of the transmittal letter which accompanied the present application, filed May 7, 1999

Claims 17-22 are rejected over Takahara et al in view of Weiner et al.

Takahara et al discloses binding a biologically active peptide or protein to a substance